



MINUTES
of the
THREE-HUNDRED-FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING
of the
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
September 8, 2014
Santa Fe

The three-hundred-fifty-sixth meeting of the Legislative Council was called to order on Monday, September 8, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in Room 307 of the State Capitol by Speaker W. Ken Martinez, co-chair.

Present

Rep. W. Ken Martinez, Co-Chair
Sen. Mary Kay Papen, Co-Chair
Rep. Donald E. Bratton
Sen. Carlos R. Cisneros
Rep. Anna M. Crook
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Sen. Timothy M. Keller
Rep. Antonio "Moe" Maestas
Rep. Rick Miera
Sen. William H. Payne
Sen. Clemente Sanchez
Sen. Michael S. Sanchez
Sen. William E. Sharer
Rep. Sheryl Williams Stapleton

Absent

Rep. Nate Gentry
Rep. Thomas C. Taylor

Special Advisory Members

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon
Rep. Thomas A. Anderson
Rep. Stephanie Garcia Richard
Rep. Roberto "Bobby" J. Gonzales
Rep. Jason C. Harper
Rep. James Roger Madalena
Sen. Cisco McSorley
Rep. Debbie A. Rodella
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.
Rep. Carl Trujillo

Sen. Pete Campos
Rep. Mary Helen Garcia
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto
Sen. Mark Moores
Sen. George K. Munoz
Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle
Sen. John Arthur Smith
Rep. Don L. Tripp

Staff

Raúl E. Burciaga, Director, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
John Yaeger, Assistant Director for Legislative Affairs, LCS
Amy Chavez-Romero, Assistant Director for Drafting Services, LCS

Kathy Pacheco-Dofflemeyer, Assistant Director for Administration, LCS
Jeret Fleetwood, Researcher, LCS

Welcome and Introductions

Representative Miera introduced Javier Martinez, the unopposed candidate to represent House District 11, to the council.

Mr. Burciaga introduced Carolyn Ice, research assistant, and Carolyn Peck, Julio Garcia and Carlos Contreras, legislative interns, to the council.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made, seconded and unanimously passed, the minutes of the three-hundred-fifty-fifth meeting of the council, from June 23, 2014, were approved as submitted.

Interim Committee Requests

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council approved expenses for an expert to testify before the Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee regarding recent events at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council approved expenses for an expert to testify before the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee regarding children's issues.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council authorized members of the Water and Natural Resources Committee to attend the September 22 meeting of the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee to hear testimony regarding cleanup of the jet fuel spill at Kirtland Air Force Base.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council approved an extra October meeting day for the Science, Technology and Telecommunications Committee.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council authorized the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force to meet outside of the State Capitol in October.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council approved an extra meeting day for the Transportation Infrastructure Revenue Subcommittee.

Pre-Session Preparation

Steve Arias, house chief clerk, and Lenore Naranjo, senate chief clerk, explained that new carpet had been installed in both the house and senate chambers and that moving the furniture and reconnecting all of the wiring that had been taken out prior to installation might take extra time.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the chief clerks were authorized to hire pre-session staff one week earlier.

On a motion made, seconded and passed, the council authorized per diem and mileage reimbursement for new members at the public rate for attending the new member orientation in December.

In response to a question from Senator Cisneros, Mr. Burciaga explained that the ethics seminar for all legislators was traditionally held in conjunction with the December Legislative Council meeting and new member orientation.

The council revisited the discussion from the June meeting regarding the inclusion of the topic of the negotiations between the state and various Native American tribes on a state-tribal gaming compact. Following a discussion, it was agreed to leave the topic for the Committee on Compacts, with the possibility that the committee would meet in December if necessary.

Mr. Burciaga also indicated that staff would stay in touch with leadership and members of both the Indian Affairs Committee and the Committee on Compacts regarding negotiation of new gaming compacts.

Staff Reports

Mr. Burciaga noted that work was continuing on several projects in the capitol building, including:

1. testing of the new display screen and voting system in the senate chambers;
2. installation of new carpet in the house chambers, to be immediately followed by the senate chambers, and later in the house and senate galleries;
3. reconfiguration of the restrooms in the house lounge to allow for two handicapped-accessible restrooms;
4. overhaul of the elevators on the west side of the building, to be immediately followed by overhaul of the elevators on the east side of the building; and
5. installation of new power supply equipment, fire suppression equipment and information technology switches.

In response to a question from Senator Keller, Mr. Burciaga explained that the council decided at its May 5, 2014 meeting to have interim committees try to incorporate the requests made by memorials passed during the 2014 session into their work plans and to hold joint meetings when possible to avoid overlap.

There being no further business, the council adjourned at 1:50 p.m.